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SUBJECT: LOS: INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. USLOS TEAM PLANS TO VISIT TOKYO 11 FEBRUARY; KUALA LUMPUR 14-15 FEBRUARY; SINGAPORE 16 FEBRUARY; AND JAKARTA 17-18 FEBRUARY. TEAM WILL FOCUS DISCUSSION ON STRAITS EXCEPT IN JAKARTA WHERE FOCUS WOULD BE PRIMARILY ARCHIPELAGOS. WE ASSUME OTHER OUTSTANDING LOS ISSUES, INCLUDING DEEP SEABED WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO ASK HOST GOVERNMENTS IF SCHEDULE IS CONVENIENT, INFORM THEM OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF RESPONSE.

2. HEAD OF U.K. LOSDEL AMBASSADOR LOGAN, WHO PREVIOUSLY WILL HAVE VISITED CAPITALS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1, WILL BE CONSULTING WITH US SO THAT WE WILL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HIS VISIT BEFORE EMBARKING ON OUR OWN.

3. FOR CANBERRA: PLEASE INFORM APPROPRIATE AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS OF U.S. LOS SCHEDULE AND THAT WE WILL BRIEF THEM ON VISITS IN GENEVA DURING EVENSEN GROUP MEETING ON COMMITTEE I MATTERS COMMENCING FEBRUARY 28. WE FURTHER HOPE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVENSEN MEETING TO DISCUSS WITH GOA LOS ISSUES IN ADDITION TO DEEP SEABED MINING. WE REGRET IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO VISIT CANBERRA BECAUSE OF EVENSEN GROUP MEETING AND NEED FOR PREPARATION DURING WEEK OF 21 FEBRUARY.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY EMBASSIES PRECISE TRAVEL SCHEDULE AND NAMES OF LOS TEAM ASAP. KISSINGER

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